

Pappas Telecasting Companies' 'donation' of \$325,000 in airtime to Republican candidates is an abuse of its privileged access to the public airwaves.

During election season, local audiences should be offered genuine debate -- not disingenuous offers to "purchase" an equal amount of response time.

Pappas' illegal use of the public airwaves casts doubt on whether Pappas truly intends to serve the public interest. Their actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Further, they show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than just a returned postcard. Thank you.